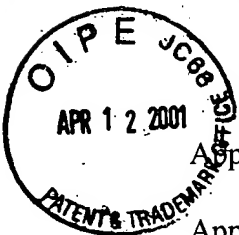


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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests that the documents listed in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered in the above captioned application. These documents, except for U.S. Patent No. 6,098,629, have been previously submitted by the Applicant and/or the Examiner in a related application (Serial No. 09/524,478 filed March 13, 2000), and additional copies are therefore not enclosed herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). U.S. Patent No. 6,098,629 is enclosed.

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